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Newsletter of the Yorktown Civic Association

The Yorktown Civic Association (YCA) represents residents living in north Arlington, Virginia, bound by Lee Highway on the south, Old Dominion Dr./Columbus St. to the east, Little Falls Rd./Rock Spring Rd. on the north, and N. Jefferson St. to the west. <http://YorktownCivic.org>

YCA Sets Attendance Record; Meets Alliance

by President Mike Cantwell
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Join us at our next YCA meeting: December 13 at 7:30 p.m. Each member of the YCA board is bringing cookies to share; extras will be given to residents who attend! It's also our annual election.

In September, more than 60 residents (a record!) attended the YCA meeting. Our main topic was teen drug use. Speakers included Captain David Giroux (ACPD First District Commander), Captain Tom Trumble (ACPD Drug Enforcement), Corporal Andrew Nucelli (Yorktown School Resource Officer), and Ms. Mila Vascones-Gatski (Yorktown's Substance Abuse Coordinator).

An informative and eye-opening presentation was followed by a spirited Q&A. Captain Giroux asked the residents to help reduce teen drug use in Arlington. Residents should look out for drug paraphilia and suspicious activities. **If you see something, say something.**

The **Lee Highway Alliance (LHA)** held a Board Meeting in September at their new office space at 4620 Lee Highway (Suite 208).

The Arlington County Planning Department has interviewed candidates for County Planner who will lead the upcoming re-planning of the Lee corridor. The process will include a Community Forum (task force) with 40 members, and a working group of 8 participants, who will meet with staff and consultants to re-plan the corridor. The County has agreed that LHA, civic associations, and advisory groups will be represented on the task force. The process is likely to begin in early 2018.

The County is also in the early stages of planning the design of **Fire Station #8**. Many LHA board members feel that some space in the station should be made available for community needs. I encouraged the Board to

focus on core emergency management functions of the Fire Station.

I continue to engage with the business and property owners at **Garden City Shopping Center** to try to improve site conditions and better engage them. One idea being discussed is creating a Merchants' Alliance. There are a number of issues common to both the businesses and the neighborhood, including trash removal, code enforcement, snow removal, and parking.



The YCA Executive Committee is deciding if we should incorporate the Yorktown Civic Association as a 503c4. Incorporating will reduce personal liability for Executive Committee members and add clarity to the annual elections,

finances, and record keeping. We plan to engage in a transparent process as we move forward, and bring information to the December meeting. Please join us!

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, December 13 • 7:30 pm Yorktown HS Patriot Hall
Enter Door #8 on 28th St. N. (near basketball courts). Agenda Items: Cookie Exchange; Executive Committee Election

December Meeting to Focus on Cookies (& Election)

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Participating in the Yorktown Civic Association is a great way to learn about progress (and pitfalls) of living in Yorktown; to connect, collaborate and occasionally commiserate with neighbors; and to stay up to date on all the neighborhood news worth knowing.

The December 13 meeting, held at Yorktown High School, will be our annual business meeting, with elections needed to keep our Executive Committee going, and a thoughtful discussion around the idea of incorporating in Virginia.

It will also be a time to share holiday snacks, baked by the Yorktown Civic Association Executive Committee (we'll vote on the favorite!) as well as connect with old friends and new neighbors.



To entice you out during this busy holiday season, we promise to have hot apple cider; delicious cookies; a relatively quick business meeting.

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. in Yorktown High School Patriot Hall on Wednesday, December 13 --use door #8 near the basketball courts.

Future meetings will feature county speakers, school topics and more opportunities to connect with your neighbors.

The only thing missing from the Yorktown Civic Association is YOU!

Join the Yorktown Civic Association!

Your Annual or Lifetime Membership supports the cost of the *Civic Pride* newsletter, management of the website, and other outreach. If you have already joined in 2017, you should see that on your address label. We accept payment via PayPal and personal check.

2017 Annual Membership: \$10
YCA Lifetime Membership: \$80

By PayPal, send with your name and address to yorktowncivicassociation@gmail.com. By check, make the payable to Yorktown Civic Association and mail to: Dustin An-

derson, YCA Treasurer, 5104 23rd Road N., Arlington, VA 22207.

Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, email and if you are buying an annual or lifetime membership when you renew. Thank you!

Incorporating the YCA: Join the Discussion

by President Mike Cantwell
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The Yorktown Civic Association (YCA), created in 1992 via merger between Milburn Terrace and Garden City Associations, serves the common needs of our community. The leaders of the YCA are considering incorporating in Virginia, which would mean clarifying our mission,

updating our bylaws and would allow us to purchase directors' insurance.

Currently, the mission of the YCA is: to preserve the quality of our neighborhood; to keep the community informed on issues that impact us; and to be an advocate for the community on those issues with local and state government.

In addition to reaching out to neighbors and experts, we are in discussion with other neighborhood groups in Arlington to learn from their work.

As we start to revamp the bylaws, mission, and election processes, we'd love to hear from YOU. We'll start this discussion at the December 13 meeting. Join us!



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Greenbrier Park Update & More News

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Greenbrier Park features 18 acres of outdoor enjoyment including a synthetic track, a lighted basketball court, tennis courts, three diamond fields (two of which are for use by permit only), and a new synthetic rectangular multiuse field (permit takes priority). The main diamond field has covered dugouts, a press box, a batting cage, and both home and visitor bleachers. There is also a high jump and shot put discus area. This park is home to the Yorktown Patriots. Chestnut Hills Park is right up the back stairs.

- Reminder: The restrooms in the

stadium will be closing on November 20, 2017 for the winter.

- The Annual Assist Youth Soccer Tournament is scheduled for the first two weekends in March.
- High School Spring Sports try-outs begin Feb. 19, 2018
- You can view the field use calendar for the Greenbrier stadium field here: <https://parks.arlingtonva.us/rentals/rectangular-fields/>
- We continue to honor the YCA request to have the stadium lights on regardless of field schedule,

Monday through Friday until 9 p.m. so the community can use the track.

- Anyone have a 3-9 year old who loves to bounce? Join us for Open Bounce Saturday mornings at Madison Community Center from Nov. 4 – March 24.



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New Middle School Means New Boundaries

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In an attempt to relieve overcrowding at Arlington middle schools, most notably Williamsburg and Swanson, Arlington County has been considering a variety of revised school boundary options.

The new school boundaries allocate students to the new middle school that will open in 2019 at the Stratford site. Students who will be affected by these changes are those currently in grades 4, 5 and 6.

At the "What We Heard" meeting held at Yorktown HS on Wednesday October 25, APS staff presented drafts of only two refined options, A and B, that the county was considering before submitting their recommendations to the school board for their vote.

The current middle school student population is 6,613 students, with roughly 1,300-1,400 students proposed to attend the new middle school. Their handouts noted that a majority of students will remain in their current middle school attendance zone and that more than 50 percent of students are in the potential walk zone for 4 schools.

APS will reassess the transfer policy for middle school students for 2018-2019 after the new boundaries have been finalized. Of most importance, according to APS, is that none of the middle schools will be over 110% capacity in 2022.

As of November 8, APS favors option A

and is no longer considering option B. Superintendent Dr. Murphy presented his recommendation for middle school boundaries on Nov. 14, 2017. Citizens also were able to speak up on Nov. 30, 2017. For information about speaking at a School Board meeting, visit www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/sign-up-to-speak/. School Board action is scheduled for Thu, Dec. 14,

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Election Slate Announced for YCA Executive Committee

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The Yorktown Civic Association Bylaws state that the " Association shall elect biannually from among adult (over 18) full-time residents of member households a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and seven at-large directors, who collectively shall constitute the Executive Committee."

The bylaws stipulate that nominations for the Executive Committee must be published in the newsletter prior to the fall membership meeting where the election takes place. The terms of the officers shall

begin on the first day of the month succeeding that in which they were elected and are for two years.

The following slate of officers and members of the Executive Committee is being proposed for the December 13, 2017 YCA meeting.

The slate is as follows:
President: Mike Cantwell
Vice President: David Friedman
Secretary: James Churbuck
Treasurer: Dustin Anderson

At-Large members: Terry Costello, David Gelman, David Haring, Elizabeth Kiker, Craig Mastangelo, Brian O' Flaherty, Frank White.

We are also soliciting members to sign up for "Executive Committee Member in Waiting." As members leave the Executive Committee, these members would be appointed to join the Executive Committee.

Members of the YCA can volunteer to be placed on the list at the December 13 meeting.

Let's Stay in Touch ...

We are updating the Civic Association Email List, so even if we have had your email in the past, please send it once again to: yorktowncivicassociation@gmail.com.

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Traffic Signals/Street Light Outages: 703-228-6511
Fallen Trees: 703-228-6525
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